

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 20, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-7 were pending in the application, with claims 5-7 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-5 have been amended and no claims have been canceled or newly added. Therefore, Claims 1-7 are pending in the application and claims 1-4 are presented for reconsideration.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicant sincerely thanks the examiner for indicating that claims 1-4 contain allowable subject matter. Furthermore, applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the method claims 5-7 as required by *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 (Fed. Cir. 1995). See M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

Claim Objection

Claim 4 is objected to because of informalities as indicated in paragraph 6 of the Office Action. Applicant has amended the claim to correct a typographical error.

§ 112, Second Paragraph, Rejection

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to address most of the issues noted in paragraph 7 of the Office Action. However, with respect to “the” mounting seat in claim 3, applicant notes that the recitation in claim 2 at line 4 provides the requisite antecedent basis.

Conclusion

In view of the above and based on the indications in the Office Action, applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicant hereby petitions for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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